## Andhra Pradesh Solar Power Policy - 2018 (1st Amendment)

## HIGHLIGHTS

| Nodal Agency  | The New and Renewable Energy Development Corporation of Andhra Pradesh.  |   |                                      |
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| Policy Period   | 4 January 2019 to 4 January 2024 or until a new solar policy is announced, whichever is earlier.   |   |                                      |
| Eligible Entities                                       | All registered companies, government entities, partnership companies/firms, individuals and consumers of APDISCOM(s) will be eligible for setting up of solar power projects within the state for sale of electricity/captive use, in accordance with the Electricity Act, 2003, as amended from time to time. |   |                                      |
| Types of Solar Power<br>Plants and Target<br>Capacities | Group  | Description                                 | Capacity                             |
|   | 111  |   | a) Up to 5 MW.<br>b) 5 MW and above. |
|   | II   | Captive plants or third-party sale          | Not mentioned.                       |
|   | III  | Solar Parks                                 | 4000 MW.                             |
|   | IV   | Solar Rooftop projects - Gross/Net Metering | Up to 1000 kWp at a single location. |
|   | V  | Solar Pump sets                             | Not mentioned.                       |

|                      | <ul> <li>Solar power projects commissioned from 2019-24 shall be eligible for incentives declared under this policy for a period of 10 years unless the period is specifically mentioned.</li> <li>Intra-state open access clearance for the whole tenure of the project or 25 years, whichever is earlier, will be granted as per APERC Regulations.</li> <li>All projects, including in-house or co-located solar projects with the above incentives, will be eligible for REC benefits.</li> <li>Eligible Industry Status for Solar PV projects under the schemes administered by the Industries Department including incentives.</li> <li>Provision of deemed PPP status for projects coming up under category of Sale of Power to APDISCOM.</li> <li>Deemed non-agricultural (NA) status for the land where solar power projects will be accorded, on payment of applicable statutory fees.</li> <li>'MUST-RUN' status for solar power projects.</li> <li>Solar PV power projects will be exempted from any NOC/consent requirement under pollution control laws from APPollution Control Board.</li> </ul> |  |
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| Energy Banking       | Facility of banking and drawl of power is withdrawal for RE sources.   |  |
| Tariff determination | APERC has the power to decide the price of sale of power.  |  |

## **OTHER PROVISIONS**

| Solar Parks | <ul> <li>To be developed in private or public-private partnership.</li> <li>All necessary amenities related to power projects will be made available in solar parks.</li> </ul> |            |  |
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|             | Capacity  | Fees (Rs.) |  |
|             | Up to 5 kWp   | 1,000      |  |
|             | 5 kWp to 100 kWp  | 5,000      |  |
|             | 100 kWp to 1000 kWp   | 10,000     |  |
|             | Per MW  | 25,000     |  |
|             | <ul> <li>Additional Rs.25 per kW for single-window support from the nodal agency.</li> <li>Solar parks developed by the government are exempted from such fees.</li> </ul>      |            |  |

| Objectives           | <ul> <li>A minimum total solar power capacity addition of 5,000 MW in the next five years.</li> <li>To promote distributed generation.</li> <li>To develop a solar park(s) with the necessary utility infrastructure facilities.</li> <li>To deploy solar-powered agricultural pump sets.</li> <li>To promote local manufacturing facilities.</li> </ul>   |  |
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| Land                 | <ul> <li>To facilitate faster execution of projects district administration will hand over land to the nodal agency.</li> <li>Government land will be given on lease basis only.</li> <li>Priority allotment of government land for solar parks on a long term lease basis.</li> </ul>   |  |
| Monitoring Committee | <ul> <li>A high-level committee will be created under the chairmanship of the Principal Secretary, Energy Department.</li> <li>The role of the Committee will be:         <ul> <li>Removing difficulties</li> <li>Addressing relevant issues</li> <li>Interpreting Policy provisions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |  |
| Solar Manufacturing  | <ul> <li>Promoting solar manufacturing so as to develop a solar eco-system and create job potential in the state. The following incentives shall be applicable to new manufacturing facilities and equipment, and ancillaries related to solar power projects only:</li> <li>Exemption from electricity duty for a period of ten (10) years.</li> <li>Incentives, as applicable, as per the prevailing industrial promotional policies of the GoAP, subject to provisions in a separate budget by the Energy Department for the same.</li> </ul> |  |
| Links                | https://nredcap.in/PDFs/Pages/Amendment_order_GO_Ms_NO_35_dt_18_11_2019.pdf  |  |
| References           | https://nredcap.in/PDFs/Pages/AP_Solar_Power_Policy_2018.pdf   |  |